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CHAPTER 9

UTILITIES + SERVICES

GOAL

To provide high quality utilities and services for all neighborhood residents in a manner embraces that advances in sustainable practices and technology.

BACKGROUND

OPPORTUNITIES

CHALLENGES

GENERAL POLICIES

The Natural Environment and Open Space chapter of the Town's Comprehensive Plan states that the Town will "implement alternative ways to minimize impervious surfaces through cluster developments and urban landscaping. In addition, [they will] consider use of porous pavements where appropriate in new construction and in renovation of existing parking lots and streets throughout Blacksburg." (pg. 26)

"Encourage energy efficiency throughout the community." (pg. 22)

Develop street lighting standards/guidelines appropriate to the character and needs of varying areas of Town." (pg. 25)

ACTION STRATEGIES

Town Action Strategies

- Provide high quality removal of refuse through periodic review of contract terms with the Town and assessment of service by residents.
- Examine expanding the breadth of items that are recycled.
- Establish penalties for non-compliance by recycling contractors.
- Provide high quality storm water management through immediate visual following significant rainfall to abate standing water.
- Investigate the capacity of the storm water run-off drain at the south end of Draper Road near Airport Road.
- Continue to bury the electrical lines in compliance with current Town policies.
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Neighborhood Action Strategies

- Promote porous paving for driveways and other outdoor hard-surfaced areas.
- Minimize impervious lot coverage to assist in storm water run-off.
- Continue to bury the electrical lines connecting from houses to public utility lines in compliance with current Town policies.